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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08) are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

Both of the presently submitted references, Cite Nos. F1 and F2 as listed on the IDS List of References, were cited in a communication issued on November 18, 2008 by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application and are not in English.

The references presently being submitted are among five enumerated under a list of cited publications on the first page of the JPO communication. Prior to the two references presently being submitted, the three other references that the JPO also cited have already been submitted to the Office for the Examiner's consideration. The third-listed was submitted in an IDS dated July 18, 2008 in the instant case, while the fourth- and fifth-listed were submitted in an IDS dated February 18, 2007.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 and F2, an English translation of the JPO communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. (A copy of the JPO communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

In addition, English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 and F2 are available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding PAJ abstract is attached to the front of each reference.

STATEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References and make the list of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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